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SENATOR DWORAK: This total appropriation includes what, \$600,000? \$500,000?

SENATOR MARVEL: \$214 plus \$260, which would be \$474.

SENATOR DWORAK: Then that would keep it at about the level that they have been spending. \$400,000.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir, and that is the answer to your question.

SENATOR DWORAK: But, this was not a part of the committee amendment. This had to be brought separately from the floor right?

SENATOR MARVEL: No.

SENATOR DWORAK: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I like Senator Schmit am a very, very firm believer in maintenance. The problem that I have got here Senator Schmit, I followed your thinking here on....maybe you could lift Dick up, Senator Marvel up and then he could pull you up, but I think that you had better reverse that. He is taller than you are. The situation that I am wonder about that is taking place here is whether or not this 3% voluntarily that that, you know, was so graciously given at the time, if this isn't where we are trying to pick it up. What we graciously gave up. Now, I am not going to ask you a question, I'm sorry, you wouldn't know the answer. I am going to ask Senator Carsten this question because if I recall correctly the state colleges were the ones that very voluntarily said that we will go along with the 3% decrease, and the other agencies were forced to go along with this with the exception of one large one. Now, is this where we get the attempt to pick up the 3% and put back into the fund, or do they actually, really and truly need the additional money for maintenance and repair. You can understand my thought here because it all figures out just about exactly in that category. Now, I am a firm believer in maintenance and repair.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I thought that I had answered that Senator Duis. The state colleges were not in the 3% cut last year, but voluntarily they cooperated, and deferred \$210,000 voluntarily. Now, we are literally being penalized for that voluntary participation in holding expenditures down last year. I think that is what it really boils down to, and we are not asking for any increase, only to be brought back to that same level including those deferred operations in maintenance and repair.

SENATOR DUIS: What I am concerned about Senator Carsten is that I understand that this additional money is for maintenance and repair. Now, if you get that amount you will go beyond that \$400,000 amount to \$600,000 plus, is that right? And, you only spend annually \$400,000, so you would